

News Briefs

Parking in handicapped spot could get costly

The Palm Beach County Commission voted last week to advertise for a second public hearing on an ordinance which would increase the fine for parking in a space reserved for the disabled from \$100 to \$250.

The fines collected will be used to enforce the ordinance and to conduct public awareness programs in the County concerning physically disabled people.

In other business, the Commission:

Approved a 12-month contract with Kidder Animal Hospital in Belle Glade and Animal Care and Control to provide veterinary services for the Pahokee shelter.

Voter's advisory

Would you like to make informed decision in November? For information about local, state and federal elections campaigns, as well as proposed amendments, just visit the library.

Ask for the "Election File" at the reference desk. They have compiled newspaper articles, endorsements, and campaign literature on all of the candidates and issues in this year's election.

You can also attend the Political barbecue and forum tonight, September 17 beginning at 6 p.m. For the cost of a meal tickets you can listen to the candidates talk about the issues.

Sponsored by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, the forum will be held at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge.

Call the Chamber at 996-2745 for more information.

Arthritis Foundation has update

The Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring a lecture on arthritis updates by Howard Busch, D.O. on Wednesday, September 23 at 5 p.m. in the Belle Glade Modular Unit conference room located at 1201 South Main Street, Belle Glade.

For reservations call 1-800-654-1046. Space is limited so reservations are requested.

Help the Leukemia Society

The Leukemia Society is having a "penny" drive to raise money for patients.

Last year, the Society raised about \$10,000 by asking citizens to donate pennies to the cause. This year, Glades residents can participate by taking their pennies to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce on Monday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last year, around the county, folks came with piggy banks, plastic bags, jars and in a few cases, even cars full of pennies. It added up to over 3 tons of pennies.

For more information, call the Leukemia Society at 478-8550.



Check it out!...City Clerk June Boglioli shows the candidates the adding machine tape that shows both candidates tied in the election. From left is Mrs. Boglioli, Mayor Happy Tucker, Reporter Dean Jones, Dan Bythwood (behind) and Ed Rongione. If after a hard recount the candidates are still tied there will be a runoff on September 22.

"Labor Peace" announced by sugar representatives

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A major decision has been made by three leading farmworker advocacy groups and United States Sugar Corporation.

In a move unprecedented in the history of the "H-2A" foreign worker program, U.S. Sugar has announced "labor peace" concerning the Company's sugarcane cutters. The advocates are the Farmworker Justice Fund, Florida Rural Legal Services and the Migrant Legal Action Program.

The agreement includes, among other things, a significant wage increase, establishment of a labor dispute resolution procedure and provisions for new disclosures to workers.

"This agreement has been in the works for some time," said Robert A. Williams, attorney for Florida Rural Legal Services. "During the past year, U.S. Sugar has made major reforms, including providing access to its farm labor housing so that Florida Rural Legal Services outreach workers could talk to the sugarcane cutters about their working conditions. Where problems have been found, the Company and Florida Rural Legal Services have worked together to resolve them without litigation. We believe any future problems can be solved in the same spirit of cooperation and understanding. These positive changes have caused us to reassess our longstanding opposition to the

H2A program in sugarcane. Based on what U.S. Sugar has done, we believe it is possible to have an H-2A program that treats workers fairly and with dignity. The management of the Company is to be commended for taking these steps which reaffirm U.S. Sugar's historical leadership in the industry."

The agreement was concluded after U.S. Sugar made a number of changes in the method for paying its cane cutters, including moving from a "task rate" payment system to a guaranteed rate per ton averaged by field and crew. These changes will increase the average pay a worker receives.

Michael Hancock, executive director of the Farmworker Justice Fund of Washington, See Labor Peace, page 3

G.C.I. seeks two who cut fence, escaped Sunday

By Chip Newton
Staff writer

"We should've stopped them," John Shaw, superintendent of the Glades Correctional Institute, said two men who left the facility late Sunday afternoon "cut the fence in plain view of two towers."

"We're doing an investigation about that," he said.

Jose Ramon Enriquez, 35, and Benigno Guerra, 32, both Miami residents' born in Havana, Cuba, were each serving numerous sentences, including life terms.

Enriquez was sentenced to life for first degree murder and was serving a mandatory 25 years, while Guerra was serving a life sentence for attempted first degree murder.

Each man has multiple offenses, according to Mr. Shaw. The men walked off about 5:50p.m. and weren't missed until someone notified prison officials about 6:25p.m., said Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw said authorities believed someone had left a blue pickup behind the prison's receiving warehouse for the

men to drive. Bloodhound handlers said their dogs "let it go" (lost the scent) behind the warehouse, according to Mr. Shaw.

Whatever tool the two used to cut through the fence hadn't been found at press time, according to Shaw.

Shaw said the men were reported seen in Lakeland Monday afternoon and later in Martin County.

Enriquez stands 6'1" and weighs over 156lbs. with a large slender build, brown hair

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Deadline extended on SWIM public hearing

By Chip Newton
Staff writer

Hurricane Andrew's effects have brought about a 30 day continuance of the public hearing phase of the South Florida Water Management District's effort to present a suitable Lake Okeechobee Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

Acting in response to a

request from attorneys for the Florida Sugar Cane League and others who said information in offices in Miami was not available to them at this time, the District's Governing Board voted unanimously to extend the deadline for public comment.

The Board noted that public meetings which had been scheduled in the area hit by Andrew had already been cancelled.

Ardis Hammock, representing the Ladies of the Lake, asked the Board if the transfer pollution credit proposal would be addressed during the funding discussions, and, if so, whether by SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for the Everglades) or by Brown and Caldwell, consultants hired by the District.

District staff replied the transfer credit proposal would

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It's a tie

Belle Glade Commission candidates await results of hand count

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade--History may have been made Tuesday night as the only two candidates running for city commission both received the same number of votes...866 to 866.

In an automated count after the polls closed at 7 p.m., City Clerk June Boglioli announced the count to the waiting crowd. Incumbent Daniel Bythwood and political newcomer Ed Rongione both seemed stunned by the count.

Incumbent commissioner Harma Miller was returned to

office without opposition.

"What do we do now?" Mr. Bythwood asked.

"We do a recount," Mrs. Boglioli said, "and, if the count is the same, the City Attorney will have to research where we go from there."

Mrs. Boglioli said in her 22 years with the city she had never seen this happen.

The recount netted the same results, 866 to 866.

Attorney John Baker said the candidates could have their choice of letting the clerk and

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Citizens protest cuts in public safety

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade--Emotions are running high on the issue of cutting three firefighter positions, a fire inspector job and parking the city's fire rescue truck.

Several citizens spoke to Belle Glade Commissioners Monday night asking them to reconsider the cuts. Concerns were also voiced about cuts at the police department.

Budget sessions have been going on in the city and managers say they are facing the toughest budget in the city's history.

"Drastic cuts were made," said Commissioner Steve Weeks in a handout to the residents, but "even after cuts were made in preparation for presenting a balanced budget to the Commission, there was still a \$400,000 shortfall."

Cutting three of the positions will save the city an estimated \$85,000, according to City Manager Lomax Harrelle. He said the Fire Inspector position has

been vacant for some time and that for the past two years the fire department hasn't been up to full staffing most of the time.

"Right now, we have difficulty making payroll and paying outstanding bills," he said, but as of now, he stressed, the positions are fully funded in the October 1 budget.

Theri Brackins, an ambulance driver for Everglades Memorial Hospital Ambulance Service, gathered 600 signatures on a petition asking commissioners to continue funding the jobs and the fire rescue truck.

"I really, really beg you not to do this and not to cut the fire rescue truck," she said. "It would be devastating to the community. A lot of people are claiming there is a duplication of services within the city. There isn't. Her husband, Gary, is a lieutenant with the Belle Glade Fire Department."

She presented commissioners with statistics that show Belle Glade runs more than double

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Prince Theatre gets year-round arts program

By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

Pahokee--Pahokee residents may begin to see a lot of activity around the old Prince Theatre shortly. The Children's Services Council has funded a special program called Thematic After-School Arts Program (TAAP), which will take place at the theatre.

TAAP is a year-round arts focused program that makes learning fun, according to organizers. The program is designed for teenagers ages 13 - 18 and offers daily tutoring and homework assistance; drama instruction, dance/movement training, and video production training.

The goals of TAAP are to increase academic proficiency, enhance self esteem and poise, to make original dance videos, and it is designated as an outreach to Pahokee youth.

The program will be offered to only 45 teenagers at a time so prompt registration is important, according to City Manager Ken Schenck.

TAAP will be offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30

p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Prince Theatre, 230 East Main Street, Pahokee. The first session will run from October 12 through December 18th.

Registration forms for TAAP may be picked up at Pahokee City Hall or at Pahokee High School from Mrs. Eugenia Jones' office. There is a small registration fee for the program.

City Manager Ken Schenck said the students taking part in TAAP will actually be putting on live performances at the end of each of the programs. "We hope to revitalize the theatre," said Schenck. "This will give us the possibility of a good start."

The program will be administered by Quest Theatre and Institute, Inc. which is the theatre group that brought productions into Pahokee this past season.

Representatives of Quest say they are excited about the Pahokee program and hope they will eventually be able to bring a regular theatre season to Pahokee and sell seasonal tickets for all the adult productions.

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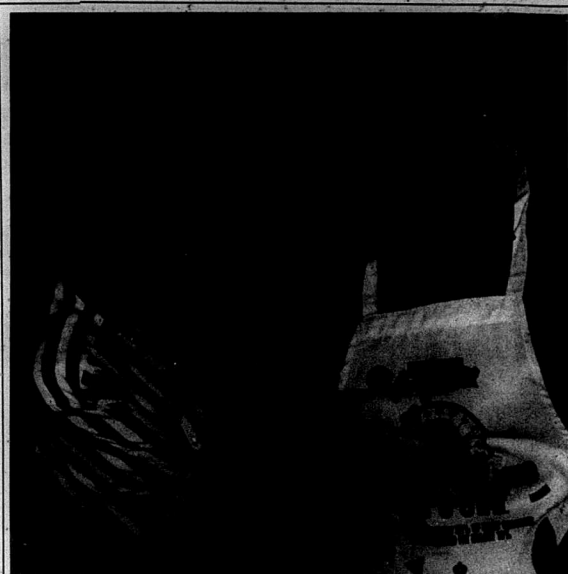
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There may be a better way than STA's

By Margaret Barletto

Offering no guarantees, water manager Valerie Boyd said Tuesday she would be very surprised if the Everglades restoration project is build in its current proposed form.

The current plan calls for the creation of a Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA's) to filter phosphorous out of water entering the Everglades. The filter marshes would begin at 35,000 acres, or 58 square miles, and there is potential for the size of the STAs to grow beyond that figure. Agricultural interests in the area argue that the loss of that much farmland would cripple the industry.

"Personally, I do not agree with the STAs," Ms. Boyd told the Ladies of the Lake, U.S.A. at a luncheon meeting held at the Clewiston Inn. "But I have to listen to our staff and they have believed that the STAs will work. Now I feel the staff is coming around to seeing, yes, perhaps there are better ways than the STAs. There is a new spirit in their way of thinking."

Bringing "good news" message to the Ladies, Ms. Boyd said several recent occurrences should point out an optimistic outlook about future Everglades restoration efforts. Ms. Boyd serves as vice-chairman of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (SEFMD D).

Foremost among good signs for the area is a slow down in efforts to adopt a final plan, Ms. Boyd said. A much criticized economic impact report that many said offered only a limited view of the actual impacts on the local economy from the Everglades restoration plan, has received an eight-month extension. The report deadline was originally set for December.

"This train that has been going too fast has been slowed down," Ms. Boyd said. "I'm glad to see the process slowed down so we have more time for research into the ramifications and implications of the final plan."

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be discussed in a public workshop which would include District economists and others.

The outcome of those workshops would then be presented to the board at the October meeting if appropriate.

Because of wide disagreement concerning the Economic Impact portion of the SWIM controversy, economists for the League and the District attempted to arrange a meeting to hash out their differences but that plan went awry when the League discovered that economists for the U.S. Justice Department were slated to attend as well.

"In fact, Dr. Polopolous and Dr. Richardson are not going to be attending the economist's meeting that Pete (Rhoads) just referenced" said Rich Burgess, representing the League.

"We still want that meeting (between Dr. Johns, Richardson, and Polopolous, economists who prepared differing reports concerning the financial impact of the SWIM Plan on Everglades area agribusiness) to go forward and to take place, but (this new meeting with three economists from the Department of Justice) is not the meeting that the principals from the League...and the Board had envisioned."

Mr. Burgess noted that Mr. Rhoads had told him by telephone "that the public was not going to be encouraged to attend, although he couldn't keep them out."

Mr. Burgess stated it was the League's position that the Justice Department had no role in this phase of the discussions. "They didn't, as far as we know, play any part - at least we hope not - in the development of the Grace Johns, Hazen and Sawyer Economic Impact Study" he said.

"It's very likely that the 35,000 acre imprint of the STAs...is going to change and may change drastically."

"Maybe then a global meeting among economists conducted as a public workshop would be appropriate to discuss how best to evaluate the economics of what that final decision might be."

Mr. Burgess asked the Board to direct its staff to have a meeting among the three involved economists and that they then be invited to report to the Board.

Tom Fitzgerald, representing the Department of Justice and the Southern District of Florida U.S. Attorney's office, took the floor and replied that he was "pleased to hear" by Mr. Burgess' comments concerning the Justice Department's economists.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the notion that any party in this dis-

cussion be given the opportunity to "browbeat and otherwise persuade" the District's economists to alter their position is "simply an absurdity."

He also noted that the League is going to great lengths "to avoid allowing the Federal Government entry to the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)."

"It is absolutely incorrect to say that the federal government doesn't have a legitimate interest, although, admittedly a limited interest."

Mr. Fitzgerald said that it is clear from the SWIM challenge that the industry (both trade groups and individual farmers) "are vigorously challenging the economics of the SWIM Plan as it is currently cast."

He referred to efforts by the League to gain access to both Everglades National Park and the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and noted that the government had, in return, sought access and samples from farmers in the Everglades Agricultural Area.

Referring to a recent hearing on the matter, he said "the League tried to limit our use of samples."

"They said: Don't let 'em (government agents) in. Don't let 'em take samples."

"Don't let 'em use sampling results in any administrative, civil, or criminal process."

Pete Rhoads, Director of the Office of Everglades Restoration for the District, told the Board his group was recommending small farms (less than 320 acres) be exempted from the requirement for automatic sampling.

Rhoads indicated that "grab samples" should be adequate in these cases.

"For the small applicants, who don't have any other options, we can provide them some relief on the sampling picture and still maintain reasonable data integrity" Rhoads said.

In the matter of the Closter Farms property the Board voted not to require bidders to provide separate bonds to both the District and the Department of Natural Resources.

The District noted that the DNR has asked for recommendations concerning other lands the state owns in the EAA.

Ten of the parcels in the EAA are leased to agriculture and seven of the ten leases will expire prior to April, 1994.

The District proposed to recommend that those seven leases be extended until April, 1994 to allow the District and the state to learn, through the Closter Farms issue, the most effective process possible for disposition of those lands.



Torri Brackins

Budget cuts

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the amount of calls with a smaller budget and four less firefighters than the neighboring communities of Royal Palm Beach and Riviera Beach.

She said it takes two firefighters to man the fire truck, and the lieutenant is needed to evaluate the situation and make a plan of attack.

"That leaves one firefighter, who is unable to safely enter a burning building because he has no partner," she said.

Bonnie Peacock, Emergency Room Supervisor for Glades General Hospital, reminded commissioners that before 1973, the only way to get to the hospital was to call your local funeral director.

"We've come a long way since then and I would not like to see us go backwards," she said.

"I know these things cost money, but there's always some ways to cut. The reduction of these services would mean that everybody would be hurt."

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SFWMD Vice-chairman says

There may be a better way than STA's

By Margaret Barletto

Offering no guarantees, water manager Valerie Boyd said Tuesday she would be very surprised if the Everglades restoration project is built in its current proposed form.

The current plan calls for the creation of Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) to filter phosphorous out of water entering the Everglades. The filter marshes would begin at 35,000 acres, or 58 square miles, and there is potential for the size of the STAs to grow beyond that figure. Agricultural interests in the area argue that the loss of that much farmland would cripple the industry.

"Personally, I do not agree with the STAs," Ms. Boyd told the Ladies of the Lake, U.S.A. at a luncheon meeting held at the Clewiston Inn. "But I have to listen to our staff and they have believed that the STAs will work. Now I feel the staff is coming around to seeing, yes, perhaps there are better ways than the STAs. There is a new spirit in their way of thinking."

Bringing "good news" message to the Ladies, Ms. Boyd said several recent occurrences should point out an optimistic outlook about future Everglades restoration efforts. Ms. Boyd serves as vice-chairman of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

Foremost among good signs for the area is a slow down in efforts to adopt a final plan, Ms. Boyd said. A much criticized economic impact report that many said offered only a limited view of the actual impacts on the local economy from the Everglades restoration plan, has received an eight-month extension. The report deadline was originally set for December.

"This train that has been going too fast has slowed down," Ms. Boyd said. "I'm glad to see the process slowed down so we have more time for research into the ramifications and implications of the final plan."

Deadline

be discussed in a public workshop which would include District economists and others. The outcome of those workshops would then be presented to the board at the October meeting if appropriate.

Because of wide disagreement concerning the Economic Impact portion of the SWIM controversy, economists for the League and the District attempted to arrange a meeting to hash out their differences but that plan went awry when the League discovered that economists for the U.S. Justice Department were slated to attend as well.

"In fact, Dr. Polopolous and Dr. Richardson are not going to be attending the economist's meeting that Pete (Rhoads) just referenced" said Rich Burgess, representing the League.

He still want that meeting (between Dr. Johns, Richardson, and Polopolous, economists who prepared differing reports concerning the financial impact of the SWIM Plan on Everglades area agribusiness) to go forward and to take place, but (this new meeting with three economists from the Department of Justice) is not the meeting that the principals from the League...and the Board envisioned.

Mr. Burgess noted that Mr. Rhoads had told him by telephone "that the public was not going to be encouraged to attend, although he couldn't keep them out."

Mr. Burgess stated it was the League's position that the Justice Department had no role in this phase of the discussions. "They didn't, as far as we know, play any part - at least we hope not - in the development of the Grace Johns, Hazen and Sawyer Economic Impact Study" he said.

"It's very likely that the 35,000 acre imprint of the STAs... is going to change and may change drastically. Maybe then a global meeting among economists conducted as a public workshop would be appropriate to discuss how best to evaluate the economics of what that final decision might be."

Mr. Burgess asked the Board to direct its staff to have a meeting among the three involved economists and that they then be invited to report to the Board.

Tom Fitzgerald, representing the Department of Justice and the Southern District of Florida U.S. Attorney's office, took the floor and replied that he was "somewhat stunned" by Mr. Burgess' comments concerning the Justice Department's economists.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the notion that any party in this dis-

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cussion be given the opportunity to "browbeat and otherwise persuade" the District's economists to alter their position is "simply an absurdity."

He also noted that the League is going to great lengths "to avoid allowing the Federal Government entry to the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)."

"It is absolutely incorrect to say that the federal government doesn't have a legitimate interest, although, admittedly a limited interest."

Mr. Fitzgerald said that it is clear from the SWIM challenge that the industry (both trade groups and individual farmers) "are vigorously challenging the economics of the SWIM Plan as it is currently cast."

He referred to efforts by the League to gain access to both Everglades National Park and the Longchutes National Wildlife Refuge and noted that the government had, in return, sought access and samples from farmers in the Everglades Agricultural Area.

Referring to a recent hearing on the matter, he said "the League tried to limit our use of samples."

"They said: Don't let 'em (government agents) in."

"Don't let 'em take samples. Don't let 'em use sampling results in any administrative, civil, or criminal process."

Pete Rhoads, Director of the Office of Everglades Restoration for the District, told the Board his group was recommending small farms (less than 320 acres) be exempted from the requirement for automatic sampling.

Rhoads indicated that "grab samples" should be adequate in these cases.

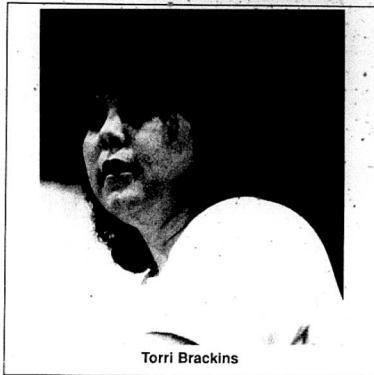
"For the small applicants, who don't have any other options, we can provide them some relief on the sampling picture and still maintain reasonable data integrity" Rhoads said.

In the matter of the Closter Farms property the Board voted not to require bidders to provide separate bonds to both the District and the Department of Natural Resources.

The District noted that the DNR has asked for recommendations concerning other lands the state owns in the EAA.

Ten of the parcels in the EAA are leased to agriculture and seven of the ten leases will expire prior to April, 1994.

The District proposed to recommend that those seven leases be extended until April, 1994 to allow the District and the state to learn, through the Closter Farms issue, the most effective process possible for disposition of those lands.



Torri Brackins

Budget cuts

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the amount of calls with a smaller budget and four less firefighters than the neighboring communities of Royal Palm Beach and Riviera Beach.

She said it takes two firefighters to man the fire truck, and the lieutenant is needed to evaluate the situation and make a plan of attack.

"That leaves one firefighter, who is unable to safely enter a burning building because he has no partner," she said.

Bonnie Peacock, Emergency Room Supervisor for Glades General Hospital, reminded commissioners that before 1973, the only way to get to the hospital was to call your local funeral director.

"We've come a long way since then and I would not like to see us go backwards," she said.

"I know these things cost money, but there's always some ways to cut. The reduction of these services would mean that everybody would be hurt."

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Heart Association left out

In reference to your article on the Canal Point Free Water Festival, I believe you'll find that the free blood pressure were taken by the American Heart Association.

Cut city perks

I see where the City (of Belle Glade) is wanting to cut back the fire rescue and other jobs.

Why don't they get down and cut some of these perks off these city employees and city commissioners? The city commissioners and employees who over the years have been given perks like free rent at the Marina. They need to cut out those perks and let them earn what they get.

Editor's note: I spoke with Mike Underwood, Parks and Recreation Administrator for the City of Belle Glade. He said city employees, including firemen, police officers, volunteer firefighters and commissioners are given a "Red Card" for \$10. This card entitles them to free camping at the Belle Glade Marina during the

off season, free greens fees on the front nine and free swimming at Lake Shore Pool. They must pay for the cart at the golf course.

"This is a little incentive we give to city employees," he said.

Mr. Underwood said the free parking at the Marina is limited to the non-busy times and to just a few weekends a year. Cutting these small employee benefits would not amount to much of a savings for the city, according to Mr. Underwood.

Kudos to Calusa Lanes

I was at the bowling alley last Wednesday night and that place is so clean and so nice. It really felt great to be in such a nice place here in the Glades.

That place really needs a pat on the back. It's nice to have such a nice place here and not have to drive to the coast. And, if you would run a picture and the name of the manager and the owner to let the people know here who they are, that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you, and continue on with the good work.

Rincon latino

por Gaspar Pichardo

Syndrome De Juego

Si no fuera tan dramática sería para desentranarse de la risa: "Autoridades gubernamentales, recomiendan cordura a la ciudadanía para que se abstengan de jugar excesivamente en los 'múltiples' sorteos de la lotería estatal. Es decir, contemplan impensables como los dirigentes de la gran estafa han estructurado un esquema de juego científico organizado para convertir a la Florida en un gigantesco garito. En vez de salirles al paso a los promotores del juego, se salen recomendando cordura a sus víctimas."

Es cierto que los votantes eligieron una lotería estatal, pero no para que nos inunden de infinitas de "tiradas" que se juegan diariamente, algunas mas de una vez, para aprovechar el dolor debil del ciudadano comun, acabando por desmoralizarlo y esquilmarlo.

No todos los que se enfrentan a la esperanza de ganar millones de dolares son capaces de resistir la inclinación de malgastar su dinero devianandolo de su curso normal que es el bienestar y la felicidad de la familia.

El Rev. Martin Afora desea compartir con todos un decalogo que ha ideado para combatir la loteria, y que ofrecemos a nuestros lectores.

1 - No coloques tu ambicion por el dinero por encima de tu amor a Dios.

2 - No pretendas creer que tu Dios es tu dinero. Tu dinero se gasta y se malgasta. Dios nunca se acaba.

3 - No juegues a la loteria y hagas a Dios tu complice, dándole que te de el premio. Nunca mezcles a Dios con tus preferencias equivocadas.

4 - Acuerdate de que el trabajo y el ahorro son las fuentes de la riqueza. El aazar solo traera pesar.

5 - Honra tu inteligencia y tu capacidad para ganar tu dinero. No dependas para tu bien de frutos que no provengan de ti siembra.

6 - No jagues. La suerte y la fe nunca van de la mano.

7 - No cometas adulterio. Engaña a Dios quien tiene amores con el dinero no merecido.

8 - No te justifiques para hacerte esclavo del aazar.

Se hace mentiroso el que cree, como su unica salida, un loco golpe de la suerte.

9 - No codicies la riqueza ajena ni pretendas adueñarte por medio de la loteria del dinero que ingenuamente otros pierden.

10 - No roberas. Roba el que quita sustento a sus hijos y seguridad a su hogar, privandolos de su dinero en los juegos del aazar.

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Letters to the editor

Attend the Glades Political Forum tonight

Dear Editor:

I wish to notify you that WBG-FM will broadcast Glades Political Forum beginning at 7 through the entirety of the program, Thursday, September 17 from the Belle Glade Elks Lodge.

Should you desire to comment from our mike stand we'd be happy to accommodate you.

Regards,
Phil Haire

You can help

Dear Editor:

There are many people in the Glades who can not go to Miami to help out their neighbors. They can not write a check to replace the losses from Hurricane Andrew's destruction.

But three ladies from the Glades decided to volunteer their time at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Margaret Strachan, Robbie Banks and Henrietta Johnson decided to expand their volunteer services through the collaborative and coordinated efforts put together by Margaret Strachan to feed our troops a southern homecooked meal.

The troops states it was "more than a meal it is the love from the heart that the people have that has brought us together."

More than 200 troops and volunteers were fed on Saturday Sept. 12. The troops wanted their appreciation and gratitude expressed to each cook for your patriotism.

Thanks to Mittie Mullins, Evelyn Warner, Annie Bell Fryer, Ethel Smith, Annie Williams, Betty Hughes, Dorothy Killingsworth, Lavern Jackson, Bernice Perkins, Christine King, Geraldine Mitchell, Gloria Boldin, Idella Robinson, Barbara Allen, Catherine Morris, Jeannette Rawls and Unice Law.

You can all make a difference for Andrew's victims with the Hot Meal Crusade by calling us. We will be going back next week to help.

Margaret Strachan, 924-5946 or Henrietta Johnson, 924-2872 after 3 p.m.

Mrs. Brady wants support for handgun control

Dear Editor:

September 1, concerned Americans all across the country -- teachers, doctors, law enforcement officers, public officials, lawyers, and victims of gun violence -- joined together to kick-off a national drive calling on the United States Senate to stop playing politics and address the raging gun violence tearing apart our nation.

Not since the murders of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy has the U.S. Congress passed a major piece of proactive gun control legislation. And right now, the most important piece of gun legislation in nearly 25 years is being held hostage in the Senate. Known as the "Brady Bill," for my husband, Jim, who was wounded in the assassination attempt against President Reagan 11 years ago, this bill would establish a nationwide waiting period and background check for handgun purchasers. It would decrease the number of handguns available to criminals and would save the lives of some of the 12,000 Americans we lose in handgun murders annually.

Despite the support this bill has with the public, and even in Congress itself, it is in serious jeopardy of not becoming law. The bill is included in an anti-crime bill which has become a soapbox for political grandstanding this election season. The anti-crime bill passed the U.S. House last November and since then no progress has been made in the Senate toward getting this bill to the President. The Brady Bill situation epitomizes the Washington gridlock which is frustrating and infuriating voters this year. It's time to separate the Brady Bill from the anti-crime bill and send it to President Bush.

I urge you to call both your U.S. Senators and tell them to FREE THE BRADY BILL from the crime bill. Or simply call 1-900-860-8787 and a letter will be sent in your name to both your Senators in support of sending the Brady Bill to the President this year. The \$3.75 cost of the call will appear on your phone bill.

In 1991, the U.S. broke its all-time record for homicides. In excess of 24,000 people were murdered -- more than half of them with handguns. How many Bobby Kennedy, Martin Luther Kings, John Lennons, Jim Bradys, neighbors, friends, or relatives must become victims before our federal government takes action to stop the bloodshed?

Sincerely,
Sarah Brady
Chairman of Handgun Control, Inc.

hold reunion

Dear Editor:

My organization, the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups Association is having its tenth annual reunion this year in Dearborn, Michigan on September 24 through September 27.

We are veterans of the 15th Air Force, which was based in Italy during the second World War. We are hoping that the veterans out there, who may not know of our existence, will read this and join up and thereby get to meet old acquaintances.

One of our better accomplishments of our donated monies is toward scholarships annually to deserving students in Italy. These students are descendants of those forebearers who lived and/or worked on or near our base in Italy during World War II. The funds are given in the memory of the airman who gave their lives during the years 1944-45.

The state of Florida played host to a multitude of military installations during WWII for all three services, Army, Navy, and Air Force. Both the 484th and 461st Bomb Groups used Morrison Field near Palm Beach as a jumping off place for flying new B-24's via the Southern Route to the Italian based 15th Air Force.

The task of the Association is to remember and to record the deeds and sacrifices of the personnel of the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups. We try to bring together all military personnel from ground support cadres to air crewmen into social contact through yearly reunions and publication of the Torretta Flyer, the official magazine of the Association.

I can be reached at 305-972-9651.
Thank you for your efforts.

Adolph Marcus
4659 Carnabola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

School accountability to go to local level

Dear Editor:

Florida's educational system is experiencing the most dramatic change in its history, and we all have an opportunity to be a part of it. Florida's strategy for school improvement is a result of the 1991 Accountability/Blueprint 2000 legislation that seeks to decentralize school management from the state level to the local school level, thereby involving all stakeholders in school decision making.

The Florida Department of Education, and the Sunshine School Public Relations Association (SUNSPRA) have initiated a statewide public awareness campaign, Operation Education, to increase public understanding and encourage local involvement in school improvement activities.

Plans are to kick off the Operation Education campaign September 17, 1992, with a Fall Open House and statewide teleconference to be aired on the Sunshine Cable Network from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. EDT. The teleconference is designed to provide information about school improvement and accountability efforts at the state and local school district level, and to motivate parents and community members to become involved in the reform strategy.

It is very important that all Floridians realize that they have a stake in education -- whether they be parents, students, educators, part of the business community, or a concern citizen -- and that they know how to contribute at the local level. I hope that you will be willing to print the enclosed letter as my invitations to Floridians to participate.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in Operation Education, an exciting tool that's helping to create schools for Florida's future.

Sincerely,
Betty Castor
Commissioner of Education

Editor's Note: Here is Ms. Castor's open letter to Floridians.

Education needs you! Yes, you. Parents, teachers, retirees and members of the business community.

Florida's educational system is undergoing the most dramatic change in its history, and all of us have an opportunity to be a part of it. Where previous education reform efforts have primarily involved only educators, the School Improvement and Educational Accountability effort depends on the closest to the students determining the "what and how" of public school education.

I invite you to find out what is going on in this process in your local schools. Attend your neighborhood school's scheduled Fall Open House. Tune in to your local Sunshine Cable Network station on September 17, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. EDT for more on the historical changes that are occurring. Watch for Operation Education and learn how you can be involved.

Help us create schools for Florida's future.
Betty Castor

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He's not afraid of the doctor. Three-year-old Jose Luis Lopez of Belle Glade was one of the first patients at the newly opened doctor's office in South Bay. Dr. Jesus Palacio, M.D., is a family practitioner and Internal Medical doctor. He's the first doctor to open an office in South Bay in many years. His office is located in the South Bay Plaza.

South Bay approves budget

By Chip Newton
Staff writer

The South Bay City Commission Tuesday voted to tentatively approve a \$2,709,959 budget based on a rollback rate of 9.0848 mills.

Commissioner Basil Anderson commended staff for presenting a budget with no increases over last year.

Referring to the city's decreasing tax base which resulted in use of the rollback rate, Mayor Clarence Anthony said "We need to work to bring in industry to increase our tax base."

He said he was interested in discovering if privatizing trash pickup could be advantageous to the city.

He noted the city has three years remaining on a garbage collection contract and expressed concern that contract costs might rise as a result of an increase in the tipping fee at the county landfill.

City Utilities Director Todd Larson spoke on behalf of authorizing city participation in the Florida Energy Efficient Water Program (FEEWP).

FEEWP will perform a water energy efficiency audit of the city at a cost to the city of

\$2900.

The fee will be waived if the city chooses to go ahead with any of the projects suggested by the audit and FEEWP will pick up the total tab for the job, according to Mr. Larson.

The city would then be obligated to spend an amount equal to 60 percent of the FEEWP money on virtually any other utility project, he said.

"The requirements are loose," he added. "It has to be a community project; making sure everybody has a water heater, repairing old (water) lines in homes belonging to the elderly or poor, a community project."

The state is administering FEEWP which receives federal money from tax collected during periods of oil and gas overcharges. The funds are available as a result of a suit.

Responding to a citizen's request for information on the city's plan for Cox Park, Mayor Anthony noted Public Works already has equipment, is assembling it, and will very soon be installing it, and is currently trying to get lights for the park.

Noting that Neighbors Organized for Adequate Housing (NOAH) had been awarded a \$400,000 grant for an infant care center, city attorney Thomas Montgomery

suggested the city require recreation facilities be included in all plans for new NOAH and Housing Authority projects.

Ninety young people showed up at the new South Bay Youth Program, the brainchild of "Coach John" Claitt.

The program, designed to provide year-round recreation activities to keep children off the streets, teaches "football and discipline" according to Mayor Anthony.

"What to do and when to do it, when to talk and when not to talk. That's what he's teaching them. That's important."

"I was very impressed" said Mayor Anthony.

"I know I will find a way to financially support the program," he added.

Other commissioners voiced support for the program and vowed to find a way to give financial support.

At least nine city men plus South Bay Police Officers have volunteered as coaches for the program which focuses on after-school hours and weekends.

Commissioner (and Vice-Mayor) Willie Marshall suggested the city organize a 50th anniversary celebration to coincide with City Government Week with and activity to be held at Rosenwald Elementary School.

Escapees

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and eyes, and has no visible scars, according to Mr. Shaw.

Guerra is 5'8", weighs more than 140 lbs., and has a fair complexion with black hair and brown eyes.

Shaw noted the men should

be considered dangerous.

"They're escapees; they're always dangerous," he said.

Mr. Shaw advised anyone sighting either of the escapees to notify authorities.

Candidates tie in Belle Glade election

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her staff do an hand recount of the votes or waiting until Wednesday morning and taking the ballots to West Palm Beach to Supervisor of Elections Jackie Winchester for a hand count.

Both men agreed to the Supervisor of Elections hand counting the ballots.

"I guess that goes to show you that every vote counts," said Sharon Sullivan, campaign manager for Mr. Rongione.

Mr. Bythwood, who is running for his third two-year

term said he had been in some close races, but never expected this.

"It was a close race when I ran against former Police Chief Bill Mathis," he said, "but I won by 16 votes."

Thirty-eight percent of the registered voters tuned out for the election with a total of 1,727 votes cast, including 33 absentee ballots.

Twenty-five ballots failed to register in the automated counter. Attorney Baker said in the hand recount, all the

ballots will be looked at to see if some holes were not completely perforated or if a voter punched two holes. In that case, the card will still be invalid.

Mrs. Bogioli took the ballots to West Palm Beach Wednesday morning for the recount. The ballots were locked in a safe the night before.

Officials say if it is still a tie after the hand recount, there will be another election. That election would be held September 22.

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Weeks completes recruit training

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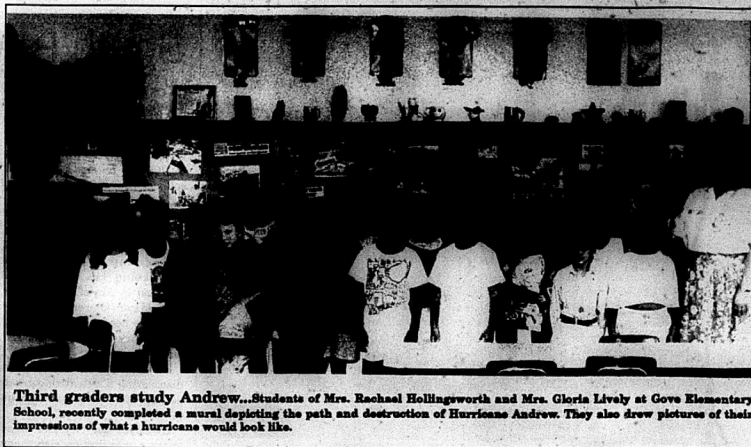
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Third graders study Andrew...Students of Mrs. Rachael Hollingsworth and Mrs. Gloria Lively at Cove Elementary School, recently completed a mural depicting the path and destruction of Hurricane Andrew. They also drew pictures of their impressions of what a hurricane would look like.

Class studies Andrew

By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

What if Hurricane Andrew would have hit Belle Glade? That's what Students in Mrs. Rachael Hollingsworth's and Mrs. Gloria Lively's class at Cove Elementary were asked and the class made a project out of the storm.

The students cut out pictures from magazines and newspapers, and pasted them on a large mural around the back wall of the classroom. Then, they drew pictures of what they thought a hurricane would look like if it were to hit the

Glades.

These pictures were placed around another wall of the classroom and made a colorful display of some of the great talent in the class. Some showed big billow clouds and others showed blue clouds filled with water and wind.

"We are exceptionally proud of our class," said Mrs. Hollingsworth. "They are great kids and worked very hard on this project."

Mrs. Lively said the class had learned a poem about Hurricane Andrew. The children then recited the poem:

HURRICANE ANDREW

Hurricane Andrew came one day,

But he didn't plan to stay. He came with wind, He came with rain.

For many people, he brought pain.

We didn't want Andrew about.

We boarded our windows to keep him out.

He shook our ceilings and our floors.

He pushed against our walls and doors.

As he roared across our land, Trees and houses could not

stand.

He passed through with thundering sound. Cars and boats he tossed around.

His force was strong. We were afraid.

Oh, what a terrible mess he made.

"Andrew, take your winds and pack.

Go away and don't come back."

Most of the students knew the poem by heart. They became very aware of the dangers of hurricanes while completing the project.

Nature Conservancy likely to get Walker Ranch site in Disney deal

By Chip Newton

The South Florida Water Management District opted last Thursday to approve a request by Walt Disney World Companies for a 20 year conceptual permit for Disney's 27,086 acre project in Orange and Osceola Counties.

The permit agreement means The Nature Conservancy, a national conservation organization, will gain control and eventual ownership of the Walker Ranch, an 8500 acre ecologically significant area straddling Polk and Osceola Counties near I-4 and U.S. 27.

Disney has agreed to buy the ranch and will turn over title to

50 percent of the land on January 31, 1993.

Simultaneously, Disney will turn over control of the entire site to, and give the necessary funds for ranch management to, the Conservancy.

The Walker Ranch will hence be known as "The Disney Preserve."

Disney will also give the Conservancy \$10,000,000 on the tenth anniversary of the 50 percent title turnover. These monies will be used to manage the preserve.

At five year intervals Disney will convey additional portions of the preserve until 2013, at which time the Conservancy

will have title to 100 percent.

Disney will also restore to wetland status 410 acres that were once wetland but had been drained about twenty years ago during earlier Disney construction.

In return, Disney receives conceptual approval for a surface water management system to serve an ultimate build-out of about 17,871 acres of development on the more than 27,000 acre site.

The project still needs approval from the Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Natural Resources, but no opposition is anticipated.

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By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

Teenagers from throughout Palm Beach County have been invited to attend two afternoons of fun this month at Lake Lytal Park in West Palm Beach at Covenant Village in Belle Glade.

Live music will be provided and those attending will be able to participate in contests, receive prizes and refreshments from McDonalds. The events are free.

The first afternoon of fun will be held Saturday, September 19th at Covenant Village in Belle Glade. The second will be held at Lake Lytal Park in West Palm Beach.

The events are part of a month-long program to help teenagers make life-saving decisions about their health and their future.

The events are being sponsored by the Family Awareness Committee led by the Palm Beach County Public Health Unit and Joe and Emily Lowe Foundation. The committee is composed of approximately one dozen public and private agencies and organizations.

During the month and at the special events, teens will be introduced to the variety of special services available to them in the community through the Public Health Unit and other agencies.

The theme for the month is "It's A Teen Thing."

A teen helpline will be in operation to assist teens in obtaining help for their problems.

Glades law officer w

The 1992 International Law Enforcement Olympics was conducted in Washington, D.C. August 1 - 9. These games were expected to have between 5,000 and 7,000 competitors from over 35 countries competing in 50 sports events.

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Auditions will be held Saturday, September 26, 1992 for the 1991-93 season of Quest Theatre and Institute in West Palm Beach.

The theater is seeking both male and female adults of all ages to play a variety of African American roles. Also needed is a child to portray a 10-year-old boy.

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In addition, he set at least two International Games records and is awaiting official results of some other possible records.

Arline indicated the athletes and the organization of these games were first class. It was an added incentive for him to be fortunate to do as well as he did.

Arline said that one of the highlights for him was to put together a weightlifting team for Team Florida consisting of himself, another experienced lifter, Ed Fass of Ft. Lauderdale Police Department, Allen Robert Shaw of West Palm Beach Police Department, and Paul Brown of the U.S. Border Patrol. Between the four lifters, they won nine gold medals, one silver medal and two bronze medals.

Although Arline did not get to sightsee very much due to a heavy competitive schedule and coaching other lifters, he said the getting together with old friends from other states and countries and meeting new ones made up for what he missed. Also, getting through a week of grueling competition without without a major injury and with only slight effects of fatigue was truly a blessing.

A little rest then back to the gym. By the way, Jerry is only 50 years young!!

Local officer brings home medals...Jerry Arline recently competed in National Law Olympics.

Grandparents day featured at Rosenwald

Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay featured Grandparents Day on Wednesday, September 16th. This year's theme was "Grandparents are Special People."

The event, attended by more than 100 grandparents, were entertained by students with programs and songs and grandparents were invited into the classrooms to meet the children's teachers. Many chose to stay and have lunch with their grandchildren.

This is a yearly event at Rosenwald Elementary School and as always was very successful again this year.

The students were sporting new uniforms for the new school year.

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or dance should bring their own taped music.

The theater's upcoming shows include "Ain't Misbehavin'," "A Raisin in the Sun," and "A Lovesong for Miss Lydia."

The auditions will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., September 26 at the theater at 444 24th Avenue, West Palm Beach. For more information, call Quest Theatre and Institute at (407) 832-9328.

Quest Productions as you may remember is the company that brings productions into the Prince Theatre in Pahokee.

Raiders start season with win

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Gators kicked off and Anthony again returned the kick for a 92 yard touchdown assisted by a key block from quarterback Steve Smith.

The Raiders led by linebacker Johnny Rutledge and safety Henry Bennett, held the Gators to one score in the third quarter. Rutledge had 12 tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery, and Bennett added 10 tackles.

Final score of the game, Glades Central 14, Palm Beach Gardens 7.

Glades Day 18, Rams 21

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intercepted at the Gators' 25 with two minutes left on the clock.

The Gators could not make a first down against the Rams, who ran out the clock.

Lovell and defensive end Patrick Whiteshead led Glades Day with nine tackles each. Tailback Miles Griffin rushed 17 times for 85 yards and one touchdown for the Gators.

Watercross features purse worth \$1500

Belle Glade--Personal watercraft racing will heat up the waters of Belle Glade Marina on Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th, as the best Amateur and Pro racers in the state of Florida compete in the prestigious WaterCross Tour.

The WaterCross Tour is a six-race series which travels throughout Florida, perking up the economy and atmosphere at each of the tour stops. Over 150 racers along with their crews, families, friends and fans take over the hotels, restaurants and shop at these events.

Glades Honda and Sea-Doo, seeing the benefits of what these events have brought to other communities such as St. Pete, Orlando, Winter Haven, Stuart and the Keys, has chosen to sponsor the WaterCross Tour and bring the fast-paced fiberglass bashing action to Belle Glade.

For racers around the state,

this is a great centralized location: only one hour from either coast and Ft. Lauderdale, and a short two hour hop down U.W. Hwy. #27 from Orlando.

Barbara McMillan, of Glades Honda and Sea-Doo, hopes that the friendly country atmosphere, the clear fresh water of Lake Okeechobee and the good home cookin' and barbecue will help turn this spot into a regular location for the WaterCross Tour and a favorite stop of the racers.

"Just think of it," said Barbara McMillan, "Jet Ski Racing in Belle Glade on a professional level. There will be runabouts, X2's, jet skis, freestyle, slalom on a close pro course."

"We have arranged a special cash purse of \$1500 to add a little more excitement to the event," she concluded.

There will be free admission, free parking and free prizes.



Jet Ski Racing on Lake Okeechobee.....The Belle Glade Marina will host the first Jet Ski Racing event held on Lake Okeechobee in Belle Glade September 19th and 20th. Free Admission, free parking, and free prizes are being offered along with the excitement of professional races for Glades area residents to watch.

Crusaders 40, Victors 0

Christian Day Crusader

quarterback Chris Cunningham threw four touchdowns passes, and senior running back Calvin Owens scored two touchdowns, as the Crusaders romped Miami Christian 40 - 0 in the seasons' opening game for both schools last Saturday

in Miami.

Chris completed 12 out of 16 passes for 158 yards and had a fumble recovery and a school-record four sacks. Sophomore cornerback Marcel Owens, (Yep, he's Calvin's little brother) had a 43-yard interception return for a

touchdown. He also had two fumble recoveries. Junior wide receiver Gus Peavy caught two touchdowns passes and senior Teddy Hadden had one.

Teddy finished the game with six receptions for 60 yards.

Wellington must have felt just like the fans last Friday.

But, the Blue Devils managed to pull off the first win of the season which takes the first step toward the District 7-2A title.

Pahokee 22, C. Newman 17

The Pahokee Blue Devils had fans holding their breath last Friday night as a pass was intercepted in the end zone on the final play of the game to win 22-17 in last Friday night's game opener.

Pahokee's wide receiver Andre Johnson intercepted a pass and returned the ball 75 yards for a touchdown which occurred early in the first quarter. The interception came on a third down play with

Cardinal Newman in position for a possible field goal which could have clinched the game for them.

Pahokee's new head coach Mark Kaczanowicz, the new coach on the block from

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Percy honored with Harris Award

Walter Percy has been named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Mr. Percy was named a Paul Harris Fellow in ceremonies at the weekly meeting of the club held at the Pahokee Elks Lodge on September 3. Mr. Percy, who has been a member of the club since 1989, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Pahokee.

He is presently serving the

club as Vice-President/President-Elect and will serve as President for the Rotary year 1993-94.

Mr. Percy is one of the more than 250,000 Paul Harris Fellows named in honor of Rotary's founder. An individual who contributes U.S. \$1,000, or in whose honor or memory such a contribution is made, is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow with certificate, medal, and lapel pin.

The Rotary Foundation uses Paul Harris Fellow donations to fund its many humanitarian programs, scholarships, group study exchange, special grants, grants for the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program, grants for University teachers to serve in developing countries, the Rotary Volunteers program and the PolioPlus Program to eradicate polio from the world by the year 2000.

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John F. Parker
John Frederick "Ricky" Parker, age 44, of 202 3rd Street, Canal Point, died Saturday afternoon, September 12, at his residence following a short illness.

A native of Pahokee, he was born on September 28, 1947, son of Joe Pasco "DoDo" Parker and Lavinia Groover Parker. He had made his home in Paducah, Kentucky for twenty years prior to returning to the Glades three years ago. He was a graduate of Pahokee High School and attended Florida Southern and Murray State Colleges. Prior to his retirement, due to his health, he was employed with Bloomingdale's. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his parents; J.P. "DoDo" and Lavinia Parker

of Canal Point; son - Patrick Walker of Jupiter; brothers - Joe Parker of Manchester, New Hampshire and Buddy Parker of Murray, Kentucky.

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September 9th at the residence of his son in Ormond Beach.

A native of Opp, Alabama, he was born on September 30, 1901, son of the late John James and Ruby Lee Williams Adams. He had made his home in the Glades since 1926.

A retired farmer and grocery store owner, he owned and operated Adams Grocery on Bacom Point Road for many years. He was a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Pahokee Lodge.

A member of the Methodist Church, he attended the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. He was preceded in death by a son, Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge Don T. Adams on November 3, 1989.

Surviving are his wife - the former Margaret Luree Spell

to whom he was married on February 11, 1934; son - Dr. Omar J. Adams of Ormond Beach; daughters - Willis Poole of Belle Glade, Elaine Lee of Pahokee, and Mary Lee Salvatore of Pahokee; brother - Charles C. Adams of Lake City; 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild also survive.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon, September 12 at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. The Reverend William Joe Clark, pastor, and the Reverend Jackie McMillan, pastor the Canal Point United Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

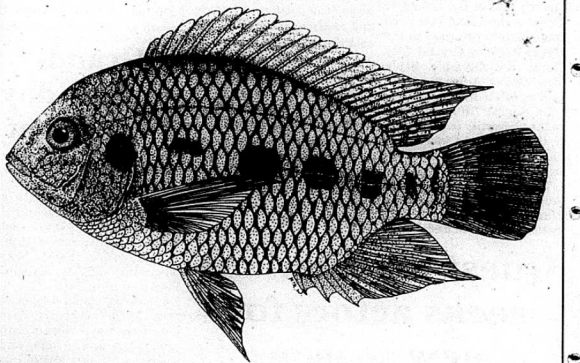
The following grandsons served as pallbearers: Carmen "Tater" Salvatore, IV, Adam Salvatore, Don Salvatore, Joseph Salvatore, Russ Poole, Bill Poole, and Will Weeks.

Raiders' boosters to meet

The Raiders' Booster Club held its first meeting on Tuesday, September 1. The following members were elected officers:

President: Tom W. Brown, Jr.
V-Pres: Wilma Royal
Secty: Cathy Hamilton
Asst Secty: Sonja Lutz
Treas: Novella Tillman
Asst. Treas: Veronica Daniels
Parliamentarian: Susie Hammond

Meetings are held regularly and anyone interested in becoming a Raider Booster may contact any of the above officers for details.



The spotted Tilapia...the most abundant of all Tilapia found in the lakes and canals of southeast Florida. Its impact on native sport fish is still and open question.

Exotic fish are here to stay

West Palm Beach -- African tilapia are the most successful and abundant of 19 exotic fish species who make a home in Florida's freshwater. Their eventual impact on the native fishery, however, remains an unanswered question.

Scientists at the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's Non-Native Research Lab in Boca Raton are trying to find the answers, according to Paul Shaffland, lab director. He and his staff study the life histories of each species, identify what native species they associate with, the environmental limiting factors such as temperature.

Shaffland said the results aren't conclusive as to whether or not these exotic species "represent a benign or malignant infestation." Conventional wisdom dictated that these uninvited guests are anything but welcome, he adds.

Shaffland describes the phenomenon as "biological pollution." Once a species reproduces in the wild it is impossible to eliminate them from the eco-system. In simple English, tilapia are here to stay whether we like it or not.

Four different species of tilapia have thrived in Florida since 1959 when blackchin first appeared on the scene. By 1980, the blackchin was joined by the spotted, blue, and Mozambique tilapia. All are exotics and natives to Africa.

"If we had some magic button we could push we would push it," Shaffland said. "That option doesn't exist, so we study the species here and try to develop management strategies which incorporate the presence of exotics."

How did they get to Florida? Shaffland says most were imported for the aquarium trade. The fish entered Florida waters when heavy rains flooded rearing ponds or aquarists dumped unwanted fish into nearby waters. The blue tilapia was distributed

1961 by well-meaning anglers who caught the species in GFC experimental ponds, and decided to introduce them into other water bodies.

"Here at the Boca Lab we are conducting a long-term research effort into exotics," Shaffland said. The longer we study these species the more we realize how complicated these relationships are, and how difficult it is to come to a simple yes or no answer."

Shaffland pointed out that there are 75 different tilapia species in Africa, and many of these adaptable fish could thrive in Florida waters. The GFC wildlife inspection team monitors the importation of fish and wildlife and tries to prevent anymore unwanted immigrants.

"Our goal is to minimize any detrimental effects or impacts that these exotic fish might have on our native fish population," Shaffland said, "and maximize any fortuitously beneficial effects these species possess."

At this point Shaffland feels comfortable in reporting that the tilapia invasion has not as yet had a catastrophic impact on native sport fish, but he still wishes they weren't here. The tilapia feed low on the food chain consuming algae, insects and sometimes even bacteria.

Tilapia have been very successful in adapting to Florida eco-systems, are abundant, and have established an extensive range throughout the state. The four different species -- Spotted tilapia lay eggs which are guarded by both parents until the young hatch and grow to about one inch in length. This species can weigh nearly three pounds. In south Florida canals, the spotted tilapia can spawn every month. They are found in lakes and canals as far north as Ft. Pierce. Heavy concentrations are found in Lake Osborne, in Delray and Lake Ida in Lake Worth and most southeast

Florida canals.

-- Mozambique tilapia also protect their young. The male makes a circular nest and then tries to coax passing females into laying their eggs there which he then fertilizes. After hatching, the female takes the fertilized eggs in her mouth and swims away. The young fry stick close to the female and hide inside her mouth when predators such as largemouth bass appear. One female Mozambique can protect from 500 to a thousand young by using this sophisticated reproductive strategy.

-- Blue tilapia are also mouthbrooders. This is the largest of the tilapia in Florida and can weigh up to ten pounds with many in the four to five pound range. Blue tilapia are widely distributed and quite abundant. They are found as far north as Gainesville.

-- Blackchin tilapia have been in Florida since the 1950's. They are found in brackish or saltwater habitats such as the Tampa Bay and Banana River areas. They also guard their young until they reach a "survivable" size.

"We are concerned about all exotic species because they have proven very adaptable," and utilize reproductive strategies that gives them an advantage over native species," Shaffland said.

The eighteen accidentally introduced exotic species which flourish in Florida waters include: oscara, black acara, Midas cichlid, Rio Grande cichlid, firemouth cichlid, Jack Dempsey, Mayan cichlid, jewelfish, blue tilapia, spotted tilapia, blackchin tilapia, Mozambique tilapia, walking catfish, sailfin catfish, pike killifish and variable playfish. The peacock bass from South America is the only exotic fish deliberately introduced by the Commission. It was introduced to feed on tilapia and provide a recreational fishery in south Florida canals.

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P.B.C.C. slates golf tournament

Palm Beach Community College will be hosting their 6th annual golf tournament, Saturday, October 24th at the Belle Glade Country Club, Torrey Island Road, Belle Glade. There is a fee. Call Pro Shop for registration information at 407-996-6605. Proceeds from the benefit will benefit the PBCC students in the Glades.

Building Blocks offers child care

Building Blocks of NOAH, Inc. announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Child and Adult Care Food Program." Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled eligible children at the centers listed below and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap.

Building Blocks #1, 632 Coconut Drive, Belle Glade.
Building Blocks #2, 309 S.E. first Street, Belle Glade.

Davis makes deans list at Abraham

A total of 72 students were

named to the summer quarter Dean's List at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, according to an announcement by Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, James Burran. Burran said that figure accounts for 5.7 percent of the 1,257 students enrolled during the quarter.

Frank B. Davis, Jr. of Belle Glade majoring in Marketing Technology was on the list.

Students on the Dean's List attained a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 15 hours of academic work.

Library sales donated books

The Palm Beach County Library System gratefully accepts donations of used paperback and hardback books in good condition. Donations are accepted on behalf of the friends of the Palm Beach County Library System and proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to benefit the branch to which they are donated. Bring in your used books and help support the library through this ongoing sale of donated books.

Church concert to be held

The Belle Glade Alliance Church, located at 425 E. Canal Street North, Belle Glade would like to invite you to attend a concert by "His Quartet" on Saturday, September 19, at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Reverend Lloyd Greene at 996-9914 or 996-

6523.

Bloodmobile schedule for Glades

The Palm Beach Blood Bank Bloodmobiles will be welcoming donors at the following locations this week:

Thursday September 24th
Belle Glade City Employees
110 S.W. Avenue E
Belle Glade
10 a.m. until 11 a.m.
A. Duda and Sons, Inc.
Duda Road, Belle Glade
12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Worship Center to host gospel sing

The Worship Center located at 1424 N.W. Canal Street South will be hosting a gospel sing on Saturday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Various gospel groups from around the lake will be performing. All area residents are cordially invited to attend.

Boy Scouts to sign up Sept. 17th

Cub Scouts Night is being featured on September 17th at Jameson Hall at the Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade.

If you want to get your child involved in scouting, be sure to attend this organizational meeting, Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is for scouts in grades one through five.

Pahokee Garden Club met Sept. 10

The Pahokee Garden Club met September 10 at the First Union National Bank to discuss their adopt a highway plan, and also the October 20th Bake and Plant Sale. All members are urged to participate in the sale. Please make plans now!

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By Elsie Singletary Talk about town

Choir Anniversary observed

St. James A.M.E. Church, Rev. J. L. Peterson, Pastor, celebrated the 17th anniversary of its choir number two on Sunday September 13 at 3:00 p.m.
Sister Diane Walker served as mistress of ceremony.
Choir number two members would like to thank everyone for their support.

Unity club meets

The Ladies in Unity Club of Pahokee, Laura Clervan, president, met at the home of Frances Smith, Royal Palm Beach, Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Members attending were Laura Clervan, Mary Jackson, Juanita Williams, Mary Bryant, Winnie Guyton, Delores Maxey, Elsie Singletary, and hostess, Frances Smith.

Essence club meets

The Essence Unique Ladies Club of Pahokee met at the home of Juanita Williams Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. with president Elsie Singletary presiding.

Family reunion

Approximately 33 members of the Thomas, Mitchell, Porter, and Walker families from Florida motored to Mississippi for their family reunion during the labor day weekend. The families enjoyed the reunion very much.

Appreciation dinner

Rev. Dwayne Brown, pastor of New Bethel

Baptist Church, Labelle, Florida, will be honored with an appreciation dinner on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. Harlem Civic Center, Clewiston, is the site. The dinner is being sponsored by Friends of Rev. Brown. The public is cordially invited.

Installation Planned

The Essence Unique Ladies Club of Pahokee will be celebrating its Installation Ceremony and Birth Month Extravaganza Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the School of Choice cafeteria in Pahokee.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. For further information contact president Elsie Thomas Singletary at 924-9237.

Choirs invited

The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church choir #1 will celebrate its Choir's Anniversary Sunday, September 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Opening night is Thursday, September 17 at 8:00 p.m.

The Rev. Benny McCleod is Pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

Men's day observed

New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. John Henry Barrett, Pastor, observed its Men's Day Saturday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m.

The men of the church thank everyone for their support.

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	GENERAL FUND	WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND	MARINA CAMPGROUND ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	171,299	218,784	16,847	0	406,930
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
TAXES:					
AD VALOREM TAXES	334,453			334,453	
FRANCHISE FEES	181,500			181,500	
UTILITY SERVICE TAX	274,723			274,723	
SALES AND USE TAXES	62,000			62,000	
LICENSES & PERMITS INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	34,100			34,100	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	789,089			789,089	
MISC. REVENUES	48,150			48,150	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	2,275,821	1,810,070	509,000	106,500	4,702,191
ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE	2,447,920	2,028,824	525,847	106,500	5,109,091
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	485,677			485,677	
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,136,596			1,136,596	
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORTATION	140,894	1,291,907	485,224	1,777,130	
CULTURE AND RECREATION	303,183			303,183	
INTERNAL SERVICES	88,887			88,887	
FLEET SERVICES	121,384			121,384	
DEBT SERVICE		504,185			504,185
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	2,275,821	1,796,092	485,224	106,500	4,664,436
ESTIMATED RESERVES	171,299	232,732	40,822		444,854
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVES	2,447,920	2,028,824	525,847	106,500	5,109,091

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABC VE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

District enters state fray

By Chip Newton
Staff writer

The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District voted last week to spend as much as \$379,000 to assist the State of Florida's efforts to acquire land in the upper Kissimmee River basin.

Ownership of the land the District wishes to acquire is in dispute, with state and private interests each claiming title.

Board member Frank Williams of Okeechobee expressed some concern whether the District should join with the State's Attorney in this issue.

"What we're doing here, if we do this, is moving the District away from almost like a neutral third party assisting in the negotiation and into an adversarial position," Williams said.

"If we had no hope for negotiations consummating on this rapidly, I maybe would consider

doing something like this, but we do have hope.

"The characterization that we've tried to work this out with landowners and they're the only ones that backed away from agreements or weren't forthcoming just isn't correct."

"It's been difficult on both sides" he said.

Mr. Williamson added he was "quite sure that we haven't exhausted the possibility of getting an agreement."

He hinted he'd been in contact with at-issue landowners within the previous twenty-four hours and that the landowners wished to proceed with negotiations.

Mr. Williamson said he had been warned that the District's joining the state's attorney on this issue "could be very detrimental to the negotiations."

"I look back on five point something million dollars that were spent before on litigation on another issue. Why don't we try another month at this?"

"I realize that sounds just

like another delay, and maybe somebody needs to rattle the saber."

"On the other side of this coin is: are we supposed to spend money to protect the state's land ownership rights?"

"And that bothers me." "I'm not sure that we should use ad valorem tax money that we've levied for specific purposes to defend the state's ownership rights."

"Now, that's a tough one, and I'm not firm in any way on that one."

"It bothers me as a matter of principal" he noted.

The Board also voted to spend a total of \$434,495 on computer hardware and software maintenance and support contracts covering the next fiscal year, or about \$1664.73 per business day.

The Board directed its legal staff to seek an exception to the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law for matters concerning personnel decisions.

The district also voted to keep its controversial airplane.

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"Bosom Buddies" celebrate 80th birthdays

By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

A little over two years ago a special friendship started between two Glades pioneers who have both lived in Belle Glade for many years. These two women did not know each other.

Irene Salmon and Myna Murray, both age 80, met while Mrs. Murray was nursing Mrs. Salmon's late husband, Allen Salmon.

"We hit it off right away," said Mrs. Salmon. "She came in and we actually became like sisters. We have so much in common."

Mrs. Murray, a registered nurse said, They were born on the same day, September 9, 1912, Mrs. Murray in North Carolina and Mrs. Salmon in Georgia. "Both of us know what is to pick cotton and shake peanuts the old fashioned way. In the hot, hot sun!" My only prayer was 'Lord, find me a job in the shade,' said Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. Salmon said her prayer was give me a good cotton dress, but don't make me pick no more cotton. And them peanuts wasn't any fun either.

Mrs. Salmon moved to Detroit to find work and escape the fields, but in the early 1940's her doctor told her to move to Florida to live, or stay in Detroit and die. "I really didn't have a choice in the matter," she said, "After 80 years, I can tell you I wanted to live! So, I came to Belle Glade.

found a few odd jobs housekeeping and finally worked for Dr. Lloyd and his wife until I retired."

Mrs. Salmon said she has made some very good friends here in Belle Glade and thanks the Lord for all of them.

"Myna and I were friends from the state and now we are like sisters. I love her from the bottom of my heart. She understands me and my beliefs and I understand hers," she said.

Mrs. Salmon attends the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Reverend Isaac Jones. She is a Mother of the Church.

Along the way Mrs. Salmon was married twice and proudly says both families are still close. "I love my families very much," she said. "I have seven children and so many grandchildren and great-grandchildren I couldn't possibly call all of their names right now; let's just say a host. I came from a very small family having only one sister and now just look at the size of my family. It's wonderful."

Richard Murray, Myna's husband, who took the dynamic duo for lunch, said it was amazing how much the two had in common. "I'll bet they were born at the same time," he said.

Mrs. Murray, now a registered nurse, recalled the many changes in nursing during her 63 year career.

"Dick and I have had a

wonderful life and have two adopted children," she said, "So, technically we have some the winter months because the owner had decided he wanted to be open year-round," said Mr.

fireplace and hope to find a warm place for the entire winter. When Spring broke, the

over the drug store that used to be on Main Street in those days. I made Tommy a sandbox in back of the store and was hanging out the wash one afternoon and told him to stay right there, I'd be right back. Well, I went upstairs to get another load of clothes and when I came back down, he was gone. I was frantic. Guess where I found him? Right in the middle of the road at the intersection of Main Street and Avenue B, directing traffic. He was three years old then."

"We bought good locks after that", said Mr. Murray.

Lunch was nearly over and the two friends looked at each other and laughed out loud. Both Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Salmon said they really enjoyed their special lunch at The Drawbridge Cafe and hopefully would meet for lunch there again on their next birthday. Mr. Murray opened up the car and the three drove away together.



Ballots here

Absentee ballots for the October 1 Primary Election are now available at the Supervisor of Elections' office in the Glades Office Building, 2976 State Road #15, Belle Glade.

Voters who will be out of the county on election day may vote their ballots in person at this location.

Voters who will be away, as well as those who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability may have an absentee ballot mailed to them by calling the Supervisor, of Elections office at 355-2650 or by sending a written request to 301 North Olive Avenue, Room 105, West Palm Beach, FL, 33401-4795.

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Residents complain about water bills and street lights

By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

Pahokee—Several residents of the new property built by NOAH in Seminole Manor showed up at last week's commission meeting to complain about water standing in their yards and that the drainage system was not working properly.

Mrs. Dorothea Murray was present before the commission and said she purchased a new home in Seminole Manor a year ago. "I'm looking for some help," she said. "Water is standing in my yard and in my driveway. It's about a foot deep!"

She went on to say the water was beginning to smell and appeared to not be draining properly.

City Manager Ken Schenck told her the drainage ditch was full where the water is supposed to drain.

She said even when the ditch was empty, the water did not drain off of the property. Mrs. Murray also said the residents were having problems with their water bills. She said water was standing in the water meter boxes and she wanted to know how a meter reader could possibly correctly read their water meters.

Several Seminole Manor residents accompanied Mrs. Murray to the meeting to show their support. All complained about their water bills and the drainage problem.

One of the tenants said her water bill has tripled over the

past three months. "We have called city hall and are not getting any results," she said. The residents also complained of not having street lights as promised when they purchased the property.

City Manager Ken Schenck told the group he had been in contact with Florida Power and Light and was told FPL could not guarantee when the street lights would be installed due to Hurricane Andrew problems facing them in Dade County.

Mr. Schenck told the group to call him personally if they did not get a response from city hall.

The group assured Mr. Schenck they would be in touch.

Pahokee ponders ordinance

By Bill Phillips
Staff reporter

Pahokee—City commissioners are working with a new ordinance to regulate mobile homes in the city. The city has the past, present and future trailers that were placed in areas other than mobile home parks.

Originally they were placed behind homes in residential neighborhoods as a place to store a vehicle or as a place where they could be close to their families.

The city wants the trailers out of the residential areas.

In the agreement between the city and the trailer owners, when the trailer was sold or transferred, it had to be removed from the property.

New, some of the owners

want to replace the aging trailers with new ones. The city is in a bind as to how to write the new ordinance. Mr. Tommy Houch owns a Mobile Home Park in Pahokee but commissioners have stopped him from upgrading his trailer park due to the grandfather clause in the old ordinance.

At the same time the city does not want to have a rash of new mobile homes moving into residential areas of Pahokee.

The ordinance must be written in fairness to all concerned mobile home owners, said Mayor Ramon Horton. "We can't give one person permission to put a new or used trailer on their property and not give the same permission to somebody else," he said.

Commissioner and Vice Mayor John Norman agreed saying the ordinance needed more work and to be worked in such a way that all parties understood what the city was trying to do.

The ordinance, 92-6 has been taken back under advisement by City Attorney Michael Stender for further consideration.

"We would like to see existing mobile home parks upgraded," said Commissioner Norman. "But we want the other mobile homes out that are planted throughout the community in residential areas not zoned for mobile homes. That was the reason for passing the old ordinance, to guarantee the trailers would be gone by now, not to replace them with new ones," he said.

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